

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2.	Haryana	93.44			Nil	Nil	93.44	263
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	112.83			Nil	Nil	112.83	230
4.	Kerala	327.14			327.14	1378	Nil	Nil
5.	Karnataka	277.08			253.43	3275	23.65	210
6.	Maharashtra	582.95			582.95	850	Nil	Nil
7.	Madhya Pradesh	136.29			Nil	Nil	136.29	763
8.	Punjab	91.69			Nil	Nil	91.69	181
9.	Tamil Nadu	464.00			464.00	1000	Nil	Nil
10.	Uttar Pradesh	1469.58			1376.40	3067	93.18	1500

#### Looting of Bus in Uttar Pradesh

3684. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Uttar Pradesh Roadways bus enroute Ghazipur to Kanpur was looted at Chandesar on August 31st 1996; and

(b) if so, the steps being proposed by the Government to make the bus journeys safe and sound in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments as per Constitutional provisions. Information relating to individual incidence of crime is not maintained by the Central Government.

#### Pollution in Yamuna

3685. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pollution Control Research Institute has conducted any detailed study regarding the increasing pollution in the river Yamuna; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the recommendations made in the said study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Pollution Control Research Institute, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Haridwar initiated a study on water quality monitoring of Western Yamuna Canal on 21.9.1993. The date of completion of the study is 30.11.1997.

#### Death of Tribal Children

3686. SHRI S.B. THORAT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item, appearing in Times of

India, Mumbai, dated August 15, 1996 captioned "255 tribal children from 6 State districts died in June alone".

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with the problem of malnutrition among the tribals;

(d) whether any Central Team have assessed the situation and worked out an action plan to deal with the problem of Malnutrition in the identified tribal areas in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Ministry of Welfare is aware of report in "Blitz" Weekly of 24th-30th August, 1996, published under the Title '500 kids starve to death in Melghat; a newsitem in the Sunday Times of India, New Delhi Edition, dated August, 18, 1996 published under the Title "500 tribal children have 'died' of malnutrition" and a few other related newsitems which have appeared in different sections of the Press on the same subject since August, 1996.

(b) and (c). The Government of Maharashtra was requested to give a report in the matter. An abstract of the main findings based on the report received from the Govt. of Maharashtra regarding deaths of children in Amaravati District of Maharashtra, in which the Melghat region falls, is as follows :

(1) Total no. of deaths analysed according to the cause of death :

S.No.	Cause of death	No. of deaths
1.	Fever	11
2.	Pneumonia	53
3.	Dysentery	39
4.	Diarrhoea	3
5.	Tuberculosis	3
6.	Pre-mature births	42
7.	Due to Accidental causes or due to bites etc.	61
Total		212